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Redevelopment Board Minutes 03/20/2006

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of March 20, 2006
Executive Session

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
Roland Chaput
Andrew West

Also Present: Kevin J. O'Brien

At 7:50 PM, Roland Chaput moved that the Board enter executive session in order to discuss the Symmes project litigation which discussion, if held in open session, would have a detrimental effect on the litigation. Andrew West seconded the motion and Kevin O'Brien polled the Board: Edward Tsoi – yes, Roland Chaput – yes, Andrew West – yes.

Jake Upton joined the Board in executive session. The Board discussed changes in the business terms that would have to be made in order that the Symmes project can be reduced in the manner the developer has promised the appellants.

The Board discussed design changes that would have to be made in order for the developer to settle with the appellants. The Board referenced guidelines issued by the State (DHCD) regarding changes to 40B projects in order to determine if the proposed design changes would necessitate an amendment to the existing permit.

The Board discussed making its decision on March 29th, the next time it would be possible to meet because of member travel plans.

The Board recessed at 9:40 to move the Selectmen's Chambers to meet with the Selectmen in executive Session. Roland Chaput and Jake Upton left the meeting. The Board had to wait until the Selectmen finished their open meeting. At 10:50, the Selectmen voted to enter executive session.

Ed Tsoi gave the Board an update of the changes that the Board felt had to be made in order to settle the appeals and continue the project. After some discussion the Selectmen expressed general approval of the settlement terms and the impact on the Town.

Ed Tsoi moved that the Board leave executive session and Andrew West seconded the motion. Kevin O'Brien polled the members: Ed Tsoi – yes, Andrew West – yes.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin J. O'Brien